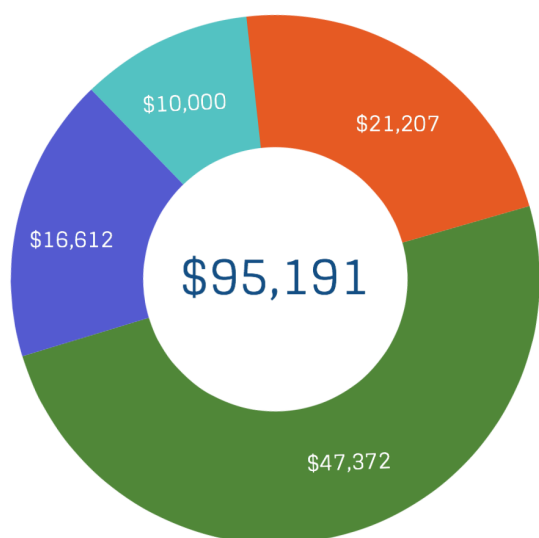


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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts's Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative (Shannon) is modeled after the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Comprehensive Gang Model (CGM). Shannon is a multi-sector approach used to address a community's gang and youth violence problem. Each community receiving Shannon funding demonstrates the presence of risk factors for youth and gang violence. In each Shannon community, partners implement strategies that align with the CGM and respond to community problems. These strategies include education and employment opportunities, case management and street outreach or intervention, positive youth development and recreation, and coordinating a law enforcement response through suppression. Shannon participants must be between the ages of 10-24 years, live in a high-risk area, and be high-risk or at-risk of becoming involved, or are currently involved, in gang activity. To learn more visit: <http://www.mass.gov/eopss/funding-andtraining/justice-and-prev/grants/shannon-csi/>

Funding Allocation



107 Total Youth Served

4.7%
At-Risk

Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity due to the presence of known risk factors such as exposure to gang affiliates in their home or community.

45.8%
High-Risk

Youth exposed to the same risk factors as at-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as school failure, dropping out, truancy, substance abuse, and gang involvement as an affiliate or member not yet participating in violent criminal activity.

49.5%
Proven-Risk

Youth who are perpetrators or victims of shooting or stabbing violence, and/or are known gang members.

=10% of Youth Served

Shannon Strategies & Outcomes

Positive Youth
Development
&
Recreation*81
Participated in
Positive Youth
Development
Programs30
Developed
Communication and
Conflict Resolution
SkillsCase Management
& Street Outreach
or Intervention81
Received Case
Management
Services23
Street Outreach
Deployments that
Provided MediationEducation
&
Employment72
Consistently
Attended Middle or
High School22
Obtained
Unsubsidized
Employment

Suppression

61
Diverted from the
Criminal Justice
System21
Hot Spot Patrols
CompletedCommunity
Mobilization2,282
People Attended
Events, Meetings,
and Presentations55
Community Events,
Meetings, and
Presentations Held

* Positive Youth Development refers to intentional efforts to provide opportunities for youth to enhance their interests, skills, and abilities.

Community Risk Factors

Massachusetts

6,794,422

11.5%

2.8%

953,429

27.4%

4.9%

Total Population
(2015 Estimate)

Population Lives in Poverty

Unemployment Rate

Total Public School Population
(2015-2016)

Economically Disadvantaged

High School Dropout Rate

Pittsfield

43,303

17.2%

4.6%

5,608

44.4%

9.7%

Sources: www.census.gov/quickfacts; profiles.doe.mass.edu/; www.mass.gov/lwd/economic-data/

Pittsfield's Gang Activity

30
Street Gangs

125
Gang Members
under 25 years old

During 2016, Pittsfield Police Department identified 30 gangs—including Bloods, Crips, Latin Kings, and Ride or Die—comprising more than 200 members, of which about two-thirds (62.5%) were under the age of 25. Gang recruitment focused on middle to high school-aged youth. Younger gang members tended to be involved in the sale of narcotics. In the summer of 2016, Pittsfield experienced an increase in gang-related shootings, stabbings, and other acts of violence, primarily related to turf wars over drug territory.

5-Year Crime Trends for Young People Ages 10-24, 2012-2016

Massachusetts Simple Assaults

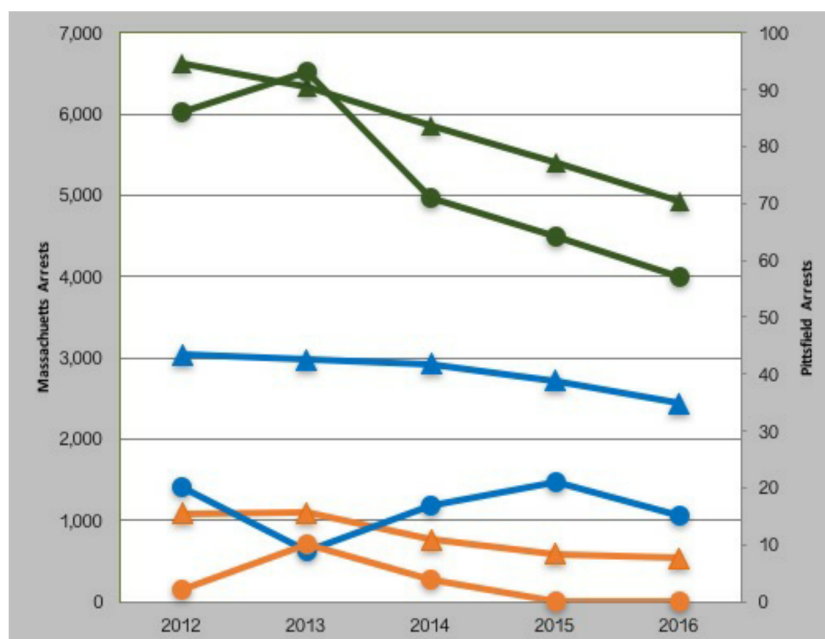
Simple assault arrests
declined by 25.4%
(1,678 arrests)

Massachusetts Aggravated Assaults

Aggravated assault arrests
declined by 19.5%
(592 arrests)

Massachusetts Robbery

Robbery arrests declined
by 51.0% (549 arrests)



Pittsfield Simple Assaults

Simple assault arrests
declined by 33.7%
(29 arrests)

Pittsfield Aggravated Assaults

Aggravated assault arrests
declined by 25.0%
(5 arrests)

Pittsfield Robbery

Robbery arrests declined
by 100.0% (2 arrests)